

December 21, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, December 21, 2015, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Paul Pearce, and James Aikman. Trustee Dave Tiffan arrived after roll call. Trustee JD Kuhns was absent.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes and Executive Session meeting minutes of December 7, 2015, were approved as presented.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$23,814.37. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius passed around a thank you note from the employees for their Christmas bonuses.
- He also recognized Delbert's and the staff and how they have contributed to the Village.

Trustees' Reports

- T. Clark thanked everyone for the support during Delbert's closing.
- K. Good, P. Pearce, and J. Aikman also commented on Delbert's and what the business and staff has meant to the community.

Treasurer's Report

- Village Comptroller Erica Carter commented on the financial documents.

Police Chief's Report

- On behalf of the police officers, Chief Mike Goodman thanked the Board for Christmas bonuses.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- On behalf of the Public Works employees, Grant Corum thanked the Board for Christmas bonuses and lunch.
- The total cost for the building so far is \$334,079.46.

Village Attorney's Report – No report

Visitors' Comments

No visitors were present.

Old Business

- President Bernius reviewed the bids for the purchase of an excavator. G. Corum stated he didn't have a preference on a brand or the timing of a purchase or continuing to rent as needed. There was discussion regarding the purchase versus rent option. A trailer at Kate's Kars will cost approximately \$3,900. The excavator will come with a breaker and two buckets. The back hoe will still be needed for the snow pusher and limb pick up. T. Clark made a motion to move forward with the acquisition of a Kubota mini excavator for \$51,000. K. Good seconded. Trustees Clark, Good, Tiffan, and Aikman voted YEA. Trustee Pearce voted NAY.
- Police Chief Goodman reviewed the meeting he attended with the Animal Control Committee of the Douglas County Board. He reviewed the \$60 pick-up fee and housing fee of \$20 per day for up to seven days if the County picks up a dog. Worst case scenario, having an animal transported and housed with the County would cost the Village \$200. If the animal's owner is identified, the owner is responsible for the financial liability, not the Village. P. Pearce made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Douglas County Animal Control. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- President Bernius reviewed the meeting last week with Aqua regarding the Asset Purchase Agreement. A special meeting will be held Monday, December 28, for a conference call for further discussion.

New Business

- T. Clark had a request from a family to offer a co-shared cost for a memorial bench like the bench program last year with businesses. The benches with the businesses cost the Village approximately \$375 per bench. The Village will have approval of what is written on the back rest of the benches and where they are placed. K. Good made a motion to open it up to families and businesses to co-share the cost of benches for up to four benches and \$1,600. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed a generator that's available through the Federal Surplus for \$1,000, and it includes a heavy duty trailer. It was operational the last time it was used. P. Pearce made a motion to approve the purchase of a generator as presented. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed a resident at 222 S. Ash who has had an ongoing water leak at the house. The initial problem was fixed; however, the theory is that when water started flowing through the pipes again, it created another leak. The resident has received three adjustments so far, totaling approximately \$180, and is requesting another, combining it all into one adjustment. The bill in January will still be elevated. P. Pearce made a motion interpreting Village Ordinance 8-2-3E allowing a one-time adjustment as allowing a one incident adjustment to the water bill at 222 S. Ash to reduce the monthly expenditures to the previous estimated average of \$48.41 per the email from Grant Corum dated December 17. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed information from Hartman Consultants regarding water and sewer rate increases. These increases, if passed, would go into effect January 1 and be shown on the March (January 15 – February 15 cycle) bills. There was discussion regarding the education needing to be done for the public regarding the rate increases and potential sale of the water / sewer plants. T. Clark made a motion to adopt the phased in rate increases as presented by Hartman Consultants effective the January 2016 billing cycle. T. Clark rescinded his motion. P. Pearce made a motion to accept the update and addendum into the Consultant's report. J. Aikman second. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to accept the rate increase as scheduled per the report. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm.

APPROVED


Village President

ATTEST


Village Clerk

DATE

